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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased with your new policy to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for Federal food programs, including the National School Lunch Program.

Animals are still suffering horribly, however. They suffer for hours or even days without receiving food, water or veterinary care, and many are left to die of neglect. When moved, they are commonly dragged with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts which cause injuries.

Besides the risk of bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE.

Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for human food.

Sincerely yours,



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